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## WASHINGTON, D.C. UPDATE

### Supplemental Appropriations and Economic Stimulus Legislation

As indicated in the previous Washington, D.C. Update, it is highly unlikely that any Federal Fiscal Year (FFY) 2009 appropriations bill of County interest will be finalized until the next President is in office, but Congressional Democrats plan to pursue a second supplemental appropriations or stimulus bill to address more time-sensitive funding needs.

Today, it was announced that the Senate Appropriations Committee has postponed its mark-up of a new supplemental appropriations bill from tomorrow until July 24, 2008. The bill is expected to include funding for activities that can be categorized as disaster relief, such as flood relief, Gulf Coast hurricane recovery, emergency road and bridge repair, and wildfire suppression and fire prevention activities requested by Senator Feinstein. Senators also are likely to seek funding for items that were dropped from the previous economic stimulus and supplemental appropriations bills enacted this year, including the County-supported \$490 million in additional FFY 2008 funding for the Byrne Justice Assistance Grant (JAG). Without this added funding, the JAG allotment, shared by the County and City of Los Angeles, would drop from \$5.2 million in FFY 2007 to only \$1.5 million in FFY 2008.

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Last week, House Speaker Pelosi indicated that House Democrats plan to draft another economic stimulus package, which could include additional tax rebates for individuals, an expansion of Food Stamps, Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program funding, infrastructure funding, and fiscal relief for states. Floor action on a second stimulus or supplemental appropriations bill in either house would not occur until September. It is far from certain that a stimulus or supplemental appropriations package can be negotiated and completed before the target adjournment date of September 26, 2008 for the current 110<sup>th</sup> Session of Congress.

We will continue to keep you advised.

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